

Senator Roy Blunt Profile
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Issue: West Lake Landfill Superfund Site

Background/Status:

The West Lake Landfill Superfund Site located in Bridgeton, Missouri is a former landfill (sanitary, industrial waste, and demolition fill), and includes two areas where 8,700 tons of uranium ore processing residuals (radioactive material) were mixed with approximately 38,000 tons of soil and used as cover for refuse in the landfill operations in the early 1970's. There continues to be a high level of public and political interest in EPA's current reevaluation of capping and excavation remedial alternatives. In addition, since 2010 a subsurface smoldering event (SSE) has occurred within the adjacent Bridgeton Former Sanitary Landfill. In 2013 the State of Missouri filed a lawsuit against Bridgeton Landfill, and is requiring the landfill to monitor and address the movement of the SSE. EPA Region 7 has been working with the PRPs to evaluate the feasibility of constructing a physical barrier between Operable Unit 1 and the Bridgeton Landfill to separate the SSE from radiologically-impacted material (RIM) at the Site. As part of this effort, the PRPs for the West Lake Site recently agreed (March 2015) to perform further additional characterization to further define the extent of RIM which may be located in the area near the North Quarry of the Bridgeton Landfill. In addition, in February of 2015 the Missouri Department of Natural Resources issues a Notice of Violation to the Bridgeton Landfill for violations of their solid waste closure permit and

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